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Remarks

Claims 1-5 and 7-11 are pending in this action. Claims 1, 7, 8 and 10 continue to be rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kato et al. (United States Patent No. 6,082,761) in view of Van Buren, Jr. et al. (United States Patent No. 4,610,588). Claims 2-5, 9 and 11 are objected to but would be allowable if rewritten in independent from including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Although Applicants continue to believe that all claims are allowable, Applicants have canceled claims 1, 7, 8 and 10 and rewritten claims 2-5, 9 and 11. Applicants request that the case be moved to allowance.

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